

METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR USING A SCROLLING COMPUTER MOUSE TO SELECT PAGES OF A SET OF LINKED WEB PAGES

ABSTRACT

5 A scrolling mode for an Internet web browser, wherein a viewer controls the browser by operating the scrolling input mechanism of a scroll mouse, for example a scroll wheel. The viewer engages the scrolling mode while viewing one of a set of linked web pages. The browser awaits detection of scrolling output from the scroll mouse. When scrolling output is detected, the browser determines the sense of direction of the scrolling output. The browser then determines the URL of another of the pages in the set of linked web pages, and accesses that page. In one embodiment of the invention, the URL may be the URL that is associated with the page's previous button or next button. In another embodiment, the URL may be the URL that is associated with the browser's back button or forward button.